# Self-Help Guide to Mental Wellness

Mental health is just as important as physical health. This guide provides practical self-help strategies to promote your mental wellness.

## **Understanding Mental Health**

Mental health refers to our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act.

#### **Common Mental Health Issues**

- Anxiety: Symptoms include excessive worry and fear.
- Depression: Feelings of sadness, hopelessness, and loss of interest in activities.

## **Self-Care Strategies**

### Tips for Self-Care

- 1. Exercise Regularly: Physical activity can boost your mood and reduce stress.
- 2. Eat Healthy: Nutrition plays a key role in mental health.
- 3. Sleep Well: Aim for 7-9 hours of quality sleep per night.

## **Mindfulness Techniques**

- Meditation: Practice mindfulness meditation for 10 minutes daily.
- Deep Breathing: Take deep breaths to calm your mind and reduce anxiety.

# **Building a Support Network**

Having a strong support network is crucial for mental health. Don't hesitate to reach out to friends or family when you need help.

#### Resources

• Samaritans: 116 123 (24/7 helpline)

• Mind: www.mind.org.uk